



The City of Vancouver is located on the traditional unceded territories of the x̱w̱məθḵwəy̱əm (Musqueam), S̱ḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and sə̱lilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations who have lived on these lands since time immemorial. Our work on anti-racism and cultural redress continues to be informed by our commitment to Reconciliation.

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**Hello Amber!**

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### **The City wants to hear from South Asian Canadians! Take the survey!**

The City of Vancouver wants to hear from South Asian Canadians about historical discrimination in Vancouver and how to address its impacts today. Learnings will be presented to Vancouver City Council in 2025 along with recommendations the City could take towards cultural redress with South Asian Canadian communities.

City staff invite members of South Asian Canadian communities with ties to Vancouver to get involved in the following ways:

**Step 1:** Take the survey.

**Step 2:** Identify important places on our South Asian Cultural Spaces map.

**Step 3:** Participate in upcoming community sessions.

Full details, and the link to the survey and map, can be found at [ShapeYourCity.ca/SAC](https://ShapeYourCity.ca/SAC).

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## Renewed investment for Indigenous and underrepresented artists in Vancouver's music industry

As Vancouver prepares to host Canada's top musical talent during the [2025 JUNO Awards](#) in March 2025, Vancouver City Council has committed \$350,000 to the Vancouver Music Fund to support Indigenous and underrepresented groups working in the music and sound recording industry. This funding marks the renewal of the City's partnership with Creative BC and the Province of British Columbia's Amplify BC Fund to offer grant support to musicians and businesses through the Demo Recording and Business Foundations programs.

Read the [news release](#) to learn more.

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## 'White Riot' wins 2024 City of Vancouver Book Award

Author and artist Henry Tsang has won the [2024 City of Vancouver Book Award](#) for [White Riot: The 1907 Anti-Asian Riots in Vancouver](#), published by Arsenal Pulp Press.

*White Riot* is a book of essays and photographs that document Vancouver's anti-Asian riots of 1907 in the context of contemporary anti-Asian sentiment. Essays by Tsang and others speak to the colonial times that preceded and followed the 1907 riots, as well as issues that Chinese and Japanese communities (and other racialized communities) in North America are facing today.

Learn more at [Vancouver.ca/BookAward](https://Vancouver.ca/BookAward).

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## Grants for Black-led and Black-serving organizations

In 2023 and 2024, the City's [Social Innovation Project Grants](#) were focused on capacity-building projects within Black-led and Black-serving organizations. In November, Council proudly approved \$101,369 in grants to the following amazing organizations:

- [Ethós Lab Educational Society](#)
- [Great Lakes Networking Society of BC](#)
- [Hogan's Alley Society](#)
- [Kenya Community In BC Society](#)

- [PeerNet Association of British Columbia](#)
- [The Unity Centre Association for Black Cultures](#)
- [Vancouver Black Therapy & Advocacy Foundation](#)

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The City of Vancouver is committed to upholding the rights and dignity of all people, addressing historic and current systemic injustice, and reducing harm, as outlined in the City's [Equity Framework](#). You can learn more about the City's Anti-Racism and Cultural Redress work at [Vancouver.ca/anti-racism](https://vancouver.ca/anti-racism).